

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING-BEFORE AUGUST SPEAKER
AUGUST 11 2008

ITEM 1
CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 pm Present were: Haskel, Handel, Weber, Albert, Donnelly, Wheeler and Krieg.

New member- Patrick Watson was appointed by the Council.

ITEM 2
EXCUSED ABSENCES

Excused absence- Patrick Watson.

ITEM 3
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted.

ITEM 4
ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add- Waste to Old Business
Add- Conservation Award
Add- Northeast Creek
Agenda was adopted as amended.

ITEM 5
OLD BUSINESS

A. Cool Cities- Anne and Carla- no report

B. Dark Skies- M. A. Where we stand.-We discussed the pros and cons of the sunset clause and the process that occurred in regard to the decision and changes made by the council to the ordinance proposal.

C. Waste- Perhaps with a partnership with F O A we could look into obtaining money for recycling and waste receptacles for the town.

Composting- Enoch reports that feedback from people who are using composters is generally positive. He will set up a date with an Extension Service representative who is willing to come do a demonstration and talk about the composters. Jill will call Bob Chaplin of Conners Emerson to see if the school could be used for a location for the event.

D. Conservation Awards- The Council prefers we don't give such an award at this time, so we will discuss giving one at our Summit.E.Prepare for meeting with Chip.

We'd like to see bins for returnable, mixed paper, plastics available.

How to deal with separating trash?

Why aren't we recycling certain plastics?

Where is the glass bin?

What to do with florescent bulbs and other universal waste?

Need better signage, information, brochures- educational and instructional.

Revisit the Pay as you Throw idea.

What is the status and process for accessing culverts and replacing them with appropriate ones? How can we help?

F. Northeast Creek- Anne K. is working on a contract with the USGS to upgrade and update the model.

Jill is working on another group to Fund the educational brochure. Audobon wants to fund it, but only with another group. Anne K. will print out the latest draft for us to review. It will be printed in color.

ITEM 6

NEW BUSINESS

A. Staff report-

B. Tour of Northeast Creek workforce housing- Jill will look into a date to do a tour of the housing project....Sept. 8- before our next meeting?

ITEM 7

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Jill will revisit, streamline, prioritize our Work Plan.

In October we will work on public outreach in regards to Dark Skies. Letters to the editor, educational brochure, hand-outs with lighting options for distribution to hardware stores (provided it passes)

ITEM 8

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm